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Larry Durstine accepted the award on behalf of the Exercise Science Department.

## Public health school reaches No. 1 spot

*Research department intends on continuing to hire top faculty*

Felicia Kitzmiller  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The consistently highly ranked exercise science department at the Arnold School of Public Health proved it can not only compete with larger, more well-known schools, but can triumph over them.

In January, Academic Analytics ranked the doctoral program in exercise science at USC No. 1 in kinesiology and exercise science among research universities.

Academic Analytics determined its rankings by comparing the number of journals the department's faculty publishes in, the number of articles they publish, the number of times their work is cited by others, the department's research funding and other awards and honors.

The department has consistently ranked in the top 10 for years, but this is the first time it has reached No. 1.

Harris Pastides, vice president for research and health sciences, and former

dean of the Arnold School, said he was gratified when he heard about the program's achievement.

"I knew it was a top program but I didn't know it was No. 1," Pastides said.

Both Pastides and Larry Durstine, chairman of the department of exercise science, emphasized how important the department's faculty has been to its success.

"Our department just has some outstanding talent," Durstine said. "It's just a great group of people. They work really hard."

"Success breeds success," Pastides said, referring to the caliber of students the department has enrolled. A successful faculty creates a successful school, which attracts high-quality students and creates successful professionals.

Durstine said the exercise science department has approximately 450 undergraduate students, 30 graduate students, 20 Ph.D. students and 50 seeking doctor of physical therapy degrees.

"I can't say enough how this will increase students' prospects," Pastides said. Jobs in this field are highly competitive, he said.

Durstine said everyone would know students who

come out of the department have come from an acclaimed program.

Though the Arnold School of Public Health's new building at Assembly and College Streets houses the exercise science department, it was not a factor in the ranking of the doctoral program there. It has, however, been an asset to the faculty and students who work in it.

"These are some of the best facilities in the U.S.," Durstine said.

Durstine said the building houses a wide range of laboratories, including those specially equipped with state of the art equipment for molecular science, clinical investigation and behavioral studies.

Pastides hopes the new facilities will help the department continue to recruit top-notch faculty so it can continue to grow.

"If we do things right, this department could be No. 1 for a long time," Pastides said. "This isn't a case where you can rest on your laurels."

Washington University at St. Louis trailed USC at No. 2 on the Academics Analytics list, and the University of Wisconsin, Louisiana State University and University of Florida

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## Sorority incident sparks debate

*DePauw University chapter of Delta Zeta receives criticism*

Ryan James  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Diana Porter, collegiate chapter director for the Delta Zeta sorority at USC, challenged media reports about controversy concerning the recent actions of the Delta Zeta chapter at DePauw University in Indiana, where some have claimed certain members were asked to leave based on physical appearance.

A decline in membership prompted Delta Zeta's national offices to bolster the image of the sorority chapter at DePauw. It reviewed members of the sorority on their commitment to recruitment. Of the 35 interviewed, 23 were asked to leave the sorority house based on an insufficient commitment, according to an article in the New York Times.

The 23 asked to leave the sorority house included all of the overweight women, the only black woman, the only Korean woman and the only Vietnamese woman, according to the New York Times article.

Porter said DePauw encouraged the chapter to conduct a membership



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The USC chapter of Delta Zeta has a sorority house located in the Greek Village.

review, which Porter said is a daily affair that can be very time-consuming and "rigorous."

Each woman was given a letter informing them they had been moved to "alumnae status" and was asked to move out of the Delta Zeta house at the end of the year.

Porter said a lack of dedication to recruitment was the only reason the members in question were given alumnae status.

"Contrary to what is being reported, the alumnae women were not told to 'hide up in their rooms.'"

They were asked that if they came downstairs, to be appropriately dressed -- the same request we make of all of our alumnae no matter where they are and what party they are attending," Porter said.

Joanna Kieschnick, a third-year former member of Delta Zeta at DePauw, said members were told, "you need to be more sexually appealing, you need to make the guys want you," by the national leaders.

Rachel Pappas, a fourth-year student at DePauw, told CNN appearance

is a common form of discrimination.

"Image is the new racism of sorts. You know, image is the be-all and end-all of everything and sorority life is just where it appears the most," Pappas said.

Porter said USC's Delta Zeta chapter has no reason to change its image, which is reflected by Delta Zeta's charitable contributions to the community, such as raising money to benefit a camp for terminally ill children.

Porter said the Delta Zeta

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Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Young Democrats President  
Krystel Reid  
**Up & close & personal**

*The movers and shakers of USC answer your burning questions for our reporters.*

**The Daily Gamecock: What is the goal of Young Democrats organization on campus?**

Krystel Reid: Our overall goal is engage college students here in the political process. I was interviewed by The Chicago Tribune a couple of weeks ago and I was quoted as saying "I wanted to change the face of politics." We meet biweekly. We're having candidates come and elected officials come to talk about issues that college students care about.

**TDG: Why is being a Democrat important to you?**

Reid: Being a Democrat is extremely important to me because it talks about issues that I care about. Democrats have been known for progressive policy. One of my passions is child welfare policy. The main reason I'm a Democrat is to take care of social welfare programs. I do believe that it is better to take care of the collective than to take care of the individual.

**TDG: What motivated you to become a part of this campus organization?**

Reid: My political aspiration one day is to be

in political office, and I saw Young Democrats as a way to become more involved in the political process. I have the desire, the willingness, and I have the passion. I wanted to do two things: couple our interests with the desire to bring back Young Democrats actively to campus and let politicians know that we're young, we're active, and we do vote; and now our voice does matter.

**TDG: What other organizations are you involved with on and off of campus?**

Reid: I'm vice president of my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. One of the reasons I pledged was because of our social action programs, and I'm very active through our political programs. I served on various boards off of campus. I was in D.C. all of last week. I served as a chairman member for the National Foster Care Coalition. It houses between 30 to 40 child welfare agencies. We're working with foster club and other child welfare agencies so that every child in the United States has healthcare. I'm involved in A Lot More in Life to improve

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## Columbia city council plans gang violence analysis

*USC, Benedict College, community fight against crime*

Chelsea Hadaway  
NEWS EDITOR

The city of Columbia announced a partnership with USC and Benedict College to assess area gang violence at the City Council meeting Wednesday.

Gang violence has been an escalating problem affecting the city, Mayor Bob Coble said, prompting him to ask the Justice Department what the city should do. It responded by telling Coble you have to start with correctly assessing the problem and suggested partnering with USC and the Justice Department.

"We need a comprehensive committee or task force ... to identify real solutions to real problems," Coble said.

The city decided to ask USC and Benedict to help form a committee to study and identify the problems related to gang violence.

Jeff Rojek, a criminology and criminal justice professor at USC, spoke on behalf of the university to update the council on what they are doing.

Rojek said they are going to perform a comprehensive analysis to determine "the nature and character of gang

violence." The committee plans to interview key people and primary sources to see what gang violence is like, analyze data and meet with people from different groups within the city.

From the information they get, USC and Benedict will craft and fit a plan to the city to attack the problem. The assessment should be done within six to seven months.

Council Member Sam Davis talked about another aspect of the issue he felt was important to the analysis.

"Family structures need to be involved," Davis said, adding that family histories should be inspected, and parents need to be involved.

Councilman Kirkman Finlay agreed this is an important issue the city needs to address. But due to the fact there are two counties and several municipalities involved, Finlay said it is important to avoid turf wars.

"How you structure management is crucial," Finlay said. "Make sure everyone feels like they're contributing to the solution."

This is an issue that affects everyone, from ordinary people to council members, Davis said. He added that he has been to funerals of people affected by gang violence.

People in my district see the violence but are scared to help, Davis said. The committee should allow "ordinary folks" to have the



opportunity to be heard, he said.

Tameika Devine, council member at-large, said her biggest frustration relating to gang violence is deciding where the limited funds should go and if groups are using the funds effectively.

Another thing that came up during the meeting was an ordinance regarding glass bottles on streets, sidewalks and other public places in Five Points during the St. Patrick's Day Festival on March 17.

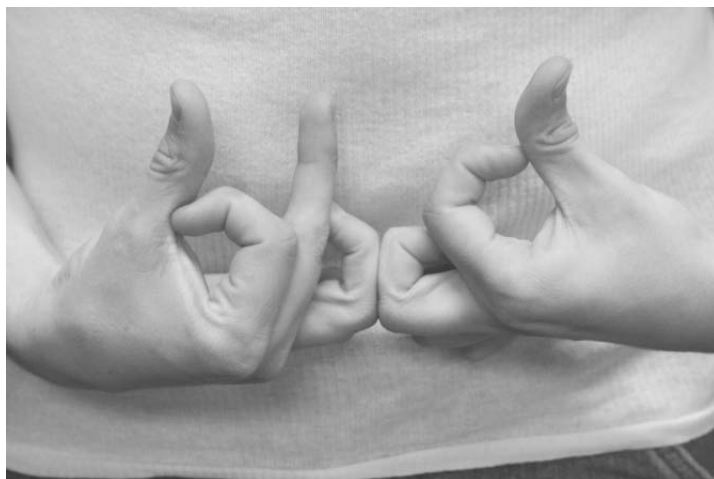
Councilwoman Anne Sinclair said this was a public safety issue, recounting an

incident where a bottle was thrown at a band member. Although there is a resolution saying beverages have to be in plastic containers on the streets during festivals, the resolution doesn't have any teeth, Sinclair said.

The ordinance would give some teeth to the rule by imposing a \$500 fine and possibly 30 days in jail to anyone who has a beverage in a glass bottle on the streets during the festival.

It was met by opposition and failed six to one.

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**The City Council proposed making an assessment of the growing gang violence problem in the Columbia area at their meeting Wednesday. Those involved would gather data by meeting with and interviewing different groups.**



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**President Tommy Preston thanks everyone for hard work.**

## Student Senate debates election rules

*Members consider problems, present next year's budget*

Brad Maxwell  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Senators debated election codes and committee viewing of bills at the Student Senate meeting on Wednesday night.

Sen. John Rabon, an education graduate student, and Sen. Allen Klump, a third-year political science student, brought legislation amending the election codes before the senate floor at the meeting.

The bill called for adding a section to specify the rules governing election locations, informing students about elections, questions about elections and use of phone calls and text messaging.

"The purpose is to make sure a vague area of our election codes are made clear," Rabon said.

Provisions of the bill said polling stations could be set up with the approval of the election commission and they would send out an e-mail to eligible students with reminders to vote and links to candidate information.

Sen. Randy Gaines, a second-year sports and entertainment management student, motioned to table the bill indefinitely.

"Given that two sponsors of the bill had issues with this past election," Gaines said, "it should be dealt with by the next senate."

Gaines also felt the bill didn't address all of the election issues and student government shouldn't try to control student phone usage.

"This would be one of the greatest mistakes this senate has made," Klump said. Klump called for amending the bill rather than tabling it.

Gaines' motion failed. Senators posed questions concerning the enforceability of the new codes, the definition of polling places and the definition of preexisting

relationships in regard to proper campaigning.

President-Elect Nick Payne, a fourth-year finance student, made an amendment to strike certain parts of the bill.

"I think there are things in this bill we need to pass," Payne said. "However, some of this bill will limit voter turnout, and instead we should be creating more ways for people to get out and vote."

Payne suggested creating more polling places, rather than restricting them, and also said he felt the bill was rushed.

Sen. Brad Setzler, a second-year philosophy student, said there had been work to set up a conference later in March to address all of the issues concerning elections so as to create one complete bill that would come up before the next senate.

The amendments to the bill were passed, and it will receive its second reading at the next meeting where more amendments are likely.

Two bills with the intent of speeding up the legislative process were also brought to the senate floor.

Sen. Kyle Warnock, a third-year computer engineering student, proposed a bill that would eliminate the necessity of the Judiciary Committee viewing every bill prior to reaching the senate floor.

"The Rules Committee would decide based on guidelines set forth in the new codes, whether or not the bill should be sent to a committee first," Warnock said.

Sen. Steve Smith, a third-year mathematics student, felt the bill would eliminate "red tape."

"We legislate ourselves," Smith said. "We tend to make more bills about the way Senate works than anything else." Smith hoped this would make more important bills come to the senate floor more easily.

Sen. Lee Cole, a third-year political science student,

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the foster care system.

**TDG: Why do you think getting an internship in your field or any field is important to building your career?**

Reid: Generally speaking, I think education infused with practical experience is very important. I'm taking Poli 379, and you have a chance to interact with government directly. I work with the Budget Control Board, and I have learned just as much through my internship than I have by being in class. Last summer, I did an internship with foster club, and I went to 38 states. I had a chance to work with five to 7,000 youths indirectly. It gave me a chance to practice advocate skills and a better understanding of state government and lobby skills. For me, it has opened doors that have been closed permanently. When you get out into the real world you will have a lot of random

knowledge to do your job better.

**TDG: Why do you think busy schedules keep people motivated to achieve their goals?**

Reid: Having a busy schedule makes you set priorities and makes you accomplish your goals. It makes you more organized to do those things.

**TDG: What is your favorite thing to do off of campus?**

Reid: I enjoy advocating for people who do not have a voice. I enjoy kayaking, and reading a lot when I have

time.

**TDG: What have you enjoyed about USC during your time here?**

Reid: The experiences that it has given me really broaden my perspective. I've never had a sheltered life but being a student at USC has given me opportunities to work with more diverse people and to apply practical knowledge in the classroom to an internship setting. It has better prepared me to accomplish my long-term goals.

— Sierra Kelly

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# National Student Exchange offers new option

*Program places participants across U.S. for same cost*

Shannon Townes  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The National Student Exchange program at USC offers a more domestic alternative to studying abroad, allowing students to spend a semester at other universities in the U.S. USC is one of more than 190 member schools in the National Student Exchange offering students the opportunity to study at another university in any

of the 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico or Guam for up to one calendar year. Students are encouraged to choose potential exchange schools based on cultural and academic interest. With member campuses ranging from the University of Georgia to the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, there is ample opportunity for participating students to explore an entirely new area and cross state and cultural borders. Students often exchange to areas of the country that are so foreign to them it provides the same kind of experience going abroad would. However, National

Student Exchange is often a more affordable and attainable goal than studying overseas. While on exchange, participants pay the same tuition they pay to attend USC. Financial aid and scholarship money is still honored during exchange, and students don't have to pay out-of-state tuition to their host school. "The changes seen in student attitudes, understanding of other people in other settings, maturity, self-confidence and decision-making are similar to the experiences of students who study internationally," according to the National Student Exchange Web site.

There is also opportunity to exchange into the honors college of host schools or to become a resident adviser while away from the home campus. Other initiatives for exchanging might include taking advantage of academic courses not available at USC or investigating graduate and professional schools. Program requirements and policies vary from campus to campus. At USC, there is a \$100 fee required at the time of application. Applicants must have sophomore, junior or senior status, be in good academic standing, and not have any outstanding financial obligations to the university.

Placement of students to different host campuses occurs at an annual placement conference held in mid-March. The National Student Exchange coordinator from the student's home campus attends the conference equipped with the names of all potential exchange candidates and their chosen potential exchange universities. Placement is negotiated among coordinators based on academics, extracurricular activities and space availability at each specific school. During the past 25 years, 97 percent of applicants were placed at host schools, with 83

percent placed at their first choice institution. During the exchange period, students are provided with an NSE coordinator at their host campus. The coordinator conducts an orientation and is available to familiarize the student with the new campus. National Student Exchange was established in 1968 when seven students exchanged among three institutions in Illinois, Montana and Alabama. Since then, National Student Exchange has placed 85,000 students.

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rounded out the top five. The success of the exercise science department is another title for USC to add to its growing list of research accolades. In 2006, the university received the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's top research ranking, and in 2005-2006 the university took in a record \$173.3 million in federal, state and private funding for its research endeavors.

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proposed a bill with the same intent, but sending bills to a standing committee following their first reading on the senate floor. "We would have committee recommendations to go along with our discussion," Cole said. Sen. Carole Muedder, a second-year international studies student, and President Pro-Temp. Chase Stoudenmire, a third-year history student, posed questions concerning if a committee had already seen

the bill or if a committee was unable to meet to discuss the bill. After about 15 minutes of debate, the bill was ruled out of order when it was apparent the Judiciary Committee had not seen the bill. The Finance Committee presented the student activity budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. \$239,130 was allocated to student organizations and \$50,000 was allocated toward intramural sports.

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constitution allows for the selection of members "without regard to their appearance, race, color, religion, national origin or handicap." Porter said she does not think an incident similar to the one at DePauw could happen at USC. "The USC Greek system is very supportive and provides an organic atmosphere for all of its chapters to grow and prosper," Porter said. USC's Delta Zeta chapter has between 10 and 15 percent of what Porter called "women of differing ethnicities, religions, color and national origins." Ashley Berkovich, a member of Kappa Delta sorority and second-year psychology student, said she does not think her sorority

would ever be involved in a controversy similar to that at DePauw. "I don't ever see how [the incident at DePauw] could even get by as even remotely OK," Berkovich said. Being kicked out of Kappa Delta is a rigorous process, which cannot be based on appearance, Berkovich said. "In order to kick someone out of our sorority, you have to do something wrong and go through standards; we have a standards board. If you do something wrong, then you are put on trial in front of our standards board, and those trials are monitored by nationals," Berkovich said. "So basically, you can't call someone to standards or even put them in front of the board without a reason." Caroline Estill, also a member of Kappa Delta and

a second-year psychology student, said the incident at DePauw only reinforces generalizations of sororities. "Sororities already have the stereotype that it's all physical, but it's really not like that at all," Estill said.

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### Emergency Notification System

The Emergency Notification System is coming to campus next semester, and students should expect to hear it being tested tomorrow morning.

Funded through a FEMA grant, the system is being installed next semester but the final phase of equipment evaluation is being tested Wednesday and today. All around campus, five to 10 minute messages will be played, saying "This is a test of the Emergency Notification System," followed by a siren.

The testing will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

## S.C. DMV director: National driver's license will cause hassle

*Aim to protect against terrorists, make standard*

Seanna Adcox  
The Associated Press

**COLUMBIA** — South Carolina residents would stand in line for an hour, maybe two, if they are required to get a new national driver's license, the head of the state Department of Motor Vehicles said Wednesday. If South Carolina were to comply with the federal

Real ID Act of 2005, it will be "very cumbersome and very confusing," DMV director Marcia Adams said during the governor's Cabinet meeting. And costly -- at least \$25 million initially and \$11 million yearly, she said. Gov. Mark Sanford said he wants South Carolina to join a growing revolt against the federal law, which sets a national standard for driver's licenses and requires states to link their record-keeping systems to national databases. Under a proposal approved last week by a Senate panel, South

Carolina would not implement the Real ID requirements until the federal government provides the money and ensures residents' privacy rights. Under the federal law, residents who do not have the new license by May 2008 will be prevented from boarding a plane, entering a federal building or opening some bank accounts. To get the new license, you must show up in person and provide an original birth certificate and other documents.

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IN OUR OPINION

Slurs have no place in political punditry

Ann Coulter stirred another political controversy and got the gay community in an uproar Friday when she used a gay slur while talking about Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, CNN reported.

Now, it's time to change the channel.

Coulter's radical and pointless remarks deserve to be left on the cutting room floor of production studios everywhere, not making five-minute pieces on the evening news. She is no more newsworthy than Britney Spears or Anna Nicole Smith.

The right-wing commentator gives nothing more than shock factor, meant to make people mad. Her comment did just that, but it's time to treat her like that little kid in elementary school who drives you crazy — ignore her.

Someone as biased as Coulter can't be taken seriously. Her comment about Edwards was off base and irrelevant to anything political. She said nothing about his politics, platform or plans as president.

Should we expect someone to come back and say, "Well, Ann, you've got an ugly face?" This is high school student government elections all over again and out of place in a national setting.

It's understandable that people would get upset, but Coulter is known for her stupid sayings. By letting her ramblings direct our conversations, we're just giving her what she wants — publicity. And any good public relations student can tell you, there's no such thing as bad publicity.

Coulter's radical and pointless remarks deserve to be left on the cutting-room floor.

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LOVELY RITA METER MAID

Vacation shouldn't only be drunkfest

Use time off from classes to relax, take it easy, not get wasted every night

"I live for the nights I won't remember with the people I'll never forget." This is a mantra I see all over Facebook photo albums after a particularly rowdy weekend down in Five Points, and I have a feeling I'll be seeing it even more after spring break.

As college students, most of us see any weekend or break as an opportunity to do one thing — party and party hard. So it comes as no surprise that when asking around about spring break, I found out a lot of my friends are going to big party places: Charleston, the Keys, Daytona Beach.

But when you spend your entire week partying, you don't recuperate — you just come back to school even more tired than before you left.

Mid-March is prime time for students to get lazy.

There are midterms and projects coming from all directions, and all you want to do is stay in bed or go lay out in the sun.



RITA KOCH  
First-year visual communications student

We get burned out from trying to do so many things at once.

Spring break is a time to relax. I am all for going to faraway places with your friends and having fun. But don't spend your entire time partying. What's the point of a week off from school if you're not going to catch up on sleep and take a breather?

Even if you're going away for spring break, make sure you go home for at least a few days. Not only will your family appreciate it (and you might get some cash), but it'll also give you a chance to let your parents take care of you again and sleep on a mattress that isn't covered in plastic.

As much as some people say they may not like their homes or families, something happens when you go home — you subconsciously relax.

You go back to the place you grew up, and being in your comfort zone helps

you unwind and catch a breath before diving back into the last quarter of the school year.

When you do go away, make sure you're not going out and partying every single night. As fun of an idea as it sounds ahead of time, all that ends up happening is getting trashed at night and then sleeping away your entire next day in a dark hotel room.

I don't know about you, but that sounds like a complete waste of time and money to me.

Take advantage of the entire area around you, not just the nightlife. Lie out on the beach all day and relax, then go out for dinner with your friends at night.

It's a lot easier than you think to have fun at night without being drunk.

The point is, students need to use spring break for exactly what it is — a break from school, work and other obligations, so they come back refreshed and ready for the last weeks before summer.

Trust me, you'll find plenty of time to party after final exams.

Satire goes too far, needs boundaries

Being offensive to anger others proves pointless, in poor taste for politics



JOSH RABON  
Second-year accounting student

The way it is written, it paints the picture that Democratic candidates want young women to have an abortion. Obviously, they must have some good reason for this. Maybe they are all just a bunch of sick, sadistic, global warming-loving hellions who played too much Doom as teenagers. Somehow, I doubt it.

Hate the law. That's fine. But don't write a column that paints women who have made a decision more difficult than any I have faced out to be cold-blooded murderers. They didn't break the law.

Stevens goes on to question the validity of global warming. This must also be part of the liberal conspiracy. Along with fellow columnist Jacob Davis, Stevens implies global warming is something liberals made up.

I don't know for sure whether global warming is for real. I'm not a scientist. But I do feel, with some

confidence, that Al Gore didn't wake up the day after the 2000 election and say to himself, "Now that I don't have to be the president, I can make up some absurdly far-fetched story about the earth heating up so I can make a really sweet movie."

I understand many of my attempts at humor may not render a laugh or even a chuckle. I can understand the difficulties of writing a column (as I'm sure has become quite apparent). I have attempted to use sarcasm in my column as well but some topics are taboo, even in jest.

Just because the entire column obviously isn't meant to be taken seriously doesn't excuse genuinely out-of-place remarks.

Even the gross generalization of all liberals as "flag-burning, soldier-hating, Marxist worshippers," is so over the top it draws a smile from my bleeding communist heart.

However, know when the joke stops. In many cases in the media lately, be it national columnist Coulter or a writer closer to home, the joke hasn't been very funny.

5 disastrous spring break faux-pas that need to end

High school holiday habits should stop at graduation, not stick around in college

Spring break is one of the best things a college kid can look forward to. Midterms have been crammed in these past two weeks, and we've

missed out on plenty of sleep and relaxation.

But for some of you, it's the first college spring break you've ever experienced. To guide you in the right direction, I've made a list of the "Five Things You

Used to do on Spring Break in High School but can No Longer Do in College."

1. Buy an airbrushed T-shirt.

Those neon paint-covered T-shirts have no place in college. While they used to be the calling card telling everyone that all the "cool kids" indeed went on spring break together and got extra cool while they were there, we're at a university with thousands of students. No one knows who Sarah, Lindsay and Rachel are, and no one cares.

2. Not putting on sunscreen.

Every year some girl always thinks that if she doesn't put on sunscreen, it will help her tan better. Let me let you in on a little secret: that pasty white skin will not go away in one day. Embrace your reflective white skin. You have a week of fun in the sun to help take of that white sheen. Don't try to do it all in one day. All you'll do is turn yourself so red that you won't be able to enjoy the sun for the rest of your time on break.

3. Don't get your hair braided by random ladies in the streets.

This specifically applies to those going to the Caribbean. Those ladies are everywhere, calling you names of random movies stars; don't give in. "Oh, you look like Angelina Jolie, let me put your hair in pretty braids." Just say no.

4. Get so drunk that you hurt yourself or others.

It never fails — someone always gets hurt over spring break. Spring break is about letting loose and having a good time, but we're old enough now to take a little responsibility. You may be going to a country where not everyone speaks English well. It's probably not a good idea to wander off down the street with strangers. Can anyone say ?

5. Buy cheesy souvenirs.

"I heart N.Y." berets, grass skirts and coconut bras all count under this category. Save your money. Buy something classy ... like sand art. Seriously, there's no need to waste your money on pointless items that seem really cute at the time but when you get back, they're pointless. After a week you will return to the life of college poverty, and you will just stare at your tiki lamp with resentment.

These are just a few tips to help transition from high school to college spring break. Live them, love them and have fun.



MEREDITH HARVIE  
Third-year broadcast journalism student





*Spring breakers heading to beaches should remember sunscreen to keep skin safe*

Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Diana Blasziewicz  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Spring break is almost here, and of course that means a lot of fun, sun and — skin cancer? As far as vices go, tanning is up there along with drinking and smoking. Melanoma and other types of skin cancer can be directly attributed to tanning, both indoors and out.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. According to the National Cancer Institute, an estimated 1 million new cases of skin

(non-melanoma) cancer will be diagnosed in 2007 alone. Of those, about 2,000 will result in death.

Although skin cancer is not usually detected until later in life, it is most often a result of skin damage accumulated in younger years. Therefore, it is better to stay out of the sun even as a teenager.

Unfortunately, these warnings often go unheeded, especially by college students headed south for spring break. Beachgoers will often forego proper skin protection in order to tan more quickly.

"I don't want to work on a

gradual tan," said first-year marine science student Kaile LeBlanc, who is planning on spending her break in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "Usually what I end up doing is letting myself burn, then my burn turns into a tan. I know it's really bad because skin cancer runs in my family, so I should know better, but I don't. I feel like it's not going to happen to me, and I'd rather be tan."

This attitude is common among tanning fans, who are bombarded with skin cancer statistics daily, but choose to disregard them.

And although tans may be considered attractive, they do lead to premature aging and unsightly brown spots.

It is hard to expect people to stop tanning completely, however, there are certain ways one can tan more safely and use methods that can reduce the risk of skin cancer.

Sunscreen is the most effective way of preventing skin damage from harmful UVA and UVB rays. Chemicals found in sunscreen block these rays which cause skin cancer and photoaging. The SPF

number in sunscreen gauges its ability to protect the skin from UVB rays. The higher the SPF, the more protection the sunscreen offers.

According to Realsimple.com SPF 15 blocks about 93 percent of UV rays. This SPF still allows the skin to tan and possibly burn. Higher SPF's block more of the rays, so tanners with pale or sun-sensitive skin should look for sunscreens with a higher SPF. Broad-spectrum sunscreens protect skin from both UVA and UVB rays.

To keep skin safe, sunscreen should be

reapplied every two hours, especially after swimming or any strenuous physical activity.

Even with sunscreen, one can achieve a nice golden tan. It is important to tan gradually, and not to sit out in the sun for more than an hour or two at a time. This can lead to sunburn and other health problems, like heat stroke and dehydration. But, with conscientious skin care, sun tanning can be much safer.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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### Dorm Room Chicken Parmesan

Who says you have to live off Ramen Noodles in college? This one came from "college files" of some favorite recipes to make in the dorm. You will have all the kids on the floor at your mercy because you can cook. This recipe can easily be halved or quartered determining on the number of people eating and can be served with baked potatoes (bake those first).

*Time: 25 minute, 5 minute prep time*

#### Ingredients:

- 4 frozen breaded chicken patties
- 1 cup fire-roasted tomato and garlic pasta sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella and asiago cheese, with roasted garlic

#### Preparation:

1. Cook chicken as package directs, stopping short about 1-2 minutes.
2. In a separate bowl, microwave the spaghetti sauce until hot.
3. Place the chicken patties on a serving plate.
4. Spread spaghetti sauce over chicken and sprinkle with cheese.
5. Microwave until cheese melts and chicken is heated through.

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## Atkins: best recipe for weight loss

Nancy McVicar  
MCT Campus

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — Forget the carbs, and go for the steak, chicken and grilled salmon.

A yearlong study of four popular diet programs found that the Atkins diet — a low-carbohydrate, high-protein high-fat plan — had the best overall results.

Women on the diet lost more weight, had lower blood pressure and improved their cholesterol profiles more than the women using any of the other three diet programs, according

to research published in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Christopher Gardner, assistant professor of medicine at Stanford University's Prevention Research Center, who led the study, said many health professionals have been skeptical of low-carb diets. "But it (the Atkins diet) seems to be a viable alternative for dieters," he said.

The 311 women who participated were mostly in their 40s and overweight, with no other major health problems. They were randomly assigned to one

of the plans: the Ornish diet, based on the best-selling book Eat More, Weigh Less, by California cardiologist Dean Ornish; the Barry Sears Zone diet, which prescribes a blend of carbohydrates, proteins and fats; the LEARN (Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitudes, Relationships and Nutrition) diet based on national dietary guidelines; and the Atkins plan, based on Dr. Robert C. Atkins book, New Diet Revolution. All the plans included increased physical activity of some kind.

In the end, the 77 women assigned to Atkins had lost an average of 10.4 pounds.





**Women can use items to smooth away, add shape to their booty**

The Falke is but one of dozens of like products on the market — called “body shapers” instead of “girdles” or “falsies” for the same reason we now say “dried

“They hold everything in and smooth everything out,” she said. “Certain undergarments, like thongs, just don’t cut it.”

*People stop covering  
faces up so natural  
glow can shine out*

Susan Chandler  
*Chicago Tribune*

## Women who can afford the



If makeup consumption is slowing, it's hard to detect at department store makeup counters.

One popular product is tinted moisturizer, a lighter version of foundation that usually comes with sunscreen protection. Dramatic cheek colors are being supplanted by bronzing powders and sticks of creamy blush that offer a

"The advertising has become more like Popular Mechanics or Scientific American. It hypes claims like 'Do you want a 300 percent volume increase in your eyelashes?' But it doesn't hype a compelling fashion and a reason to wear lipstick."

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**Taurus** Take a back seat, and let somebody else do the driving for a while. Better yet, stay out of the vehicle altogether.

**Gemini** You're asked to take on a new and very difficult assignment. Don't worry; luck is with you in this.

**Cancer** An otherwise blissful interlude is rudely interrupted. The disagreement is about money.

**Leo** Real estate and home improvements are usually well favored. This time, however, your purchase could spark a domestic confrontation.

**Virgo** As you reach the next level, you find that you've outgrown some of your methods. You may need to revise your procedures.

**Libra** Finally, the money's coming in. All that work was not for nothing. Unfortunately, a loved one and-or child wants you to take them shopping.

**Scorpio** You're the strong silent type for a reason. That's how you're most effective. Maintain the mystery now; excessive info will cause confusion.

**Sagittarius** You're more interested in working now because you must. You do well under pressure; maybe that's why you wait.

**Capricorn** Discuss your most recent insights with friends who can help you understand. The confusing part turns basic.

**Aquarius** There's plenty of money to be made, if you can do what's required.

**Pisces** Encouragement from far away is certainly heart warming. Accept adoration from someone.

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Ode to Kobe:  
L.A. forward  
deserving of  
NBA MVP

Lakers star is only legit  
candidate on crowded list  
of usual award suspects

In my short time at The Daily Gamecock, I've written a few things that have caused people to vehemently disagree with me. I've bashed Notre Dame, Alabama, Brett Favre and pretty much every other overcrowded bandwagon in American sports, but this column might be met by more opposition than any of the others.

That's right: I'm sticking up for Kobe Bryant. Although the NBA season still has months left on the schedule, it's time to talk MVP. Who really deserves it?

My vote goes to Bryant. The award is supposed to go to the Most Valuable Player. That has to be Bryant, right? Take him off the Lakers and they'd be struggling in campus intramurals.

This is where things get complicated. The Maurice Podoloff Trophy is rarely awarded to the most valuable player. Instead, it usually goes to the best player on the best team or a great player on a contender.

I think we all can agree that the four players who deserve MVP consideration are Bryant, LeBron James, Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki.

All four have their respective teams in the thick of the playoff race. All are instrumental parts of their team's success and all put up terrific stats. I could write volumes about why each should be the MVP, but let's look at why they shouldn't.

Bryant and James put up similar numbers on equally awful teams. However, James pales in comparison for two reasons: defense and free throw shooting. The Cavaliers have lost nine games this season (through Tuesday) by 5 points or less; James has missed 35 free throws in those nine games. Were all those losses his fault? No, but if he could shoot better than 68 percent from the charity stripe, Cleveland would have the best record in the Eastern Conference instead of looking up at Detroit.

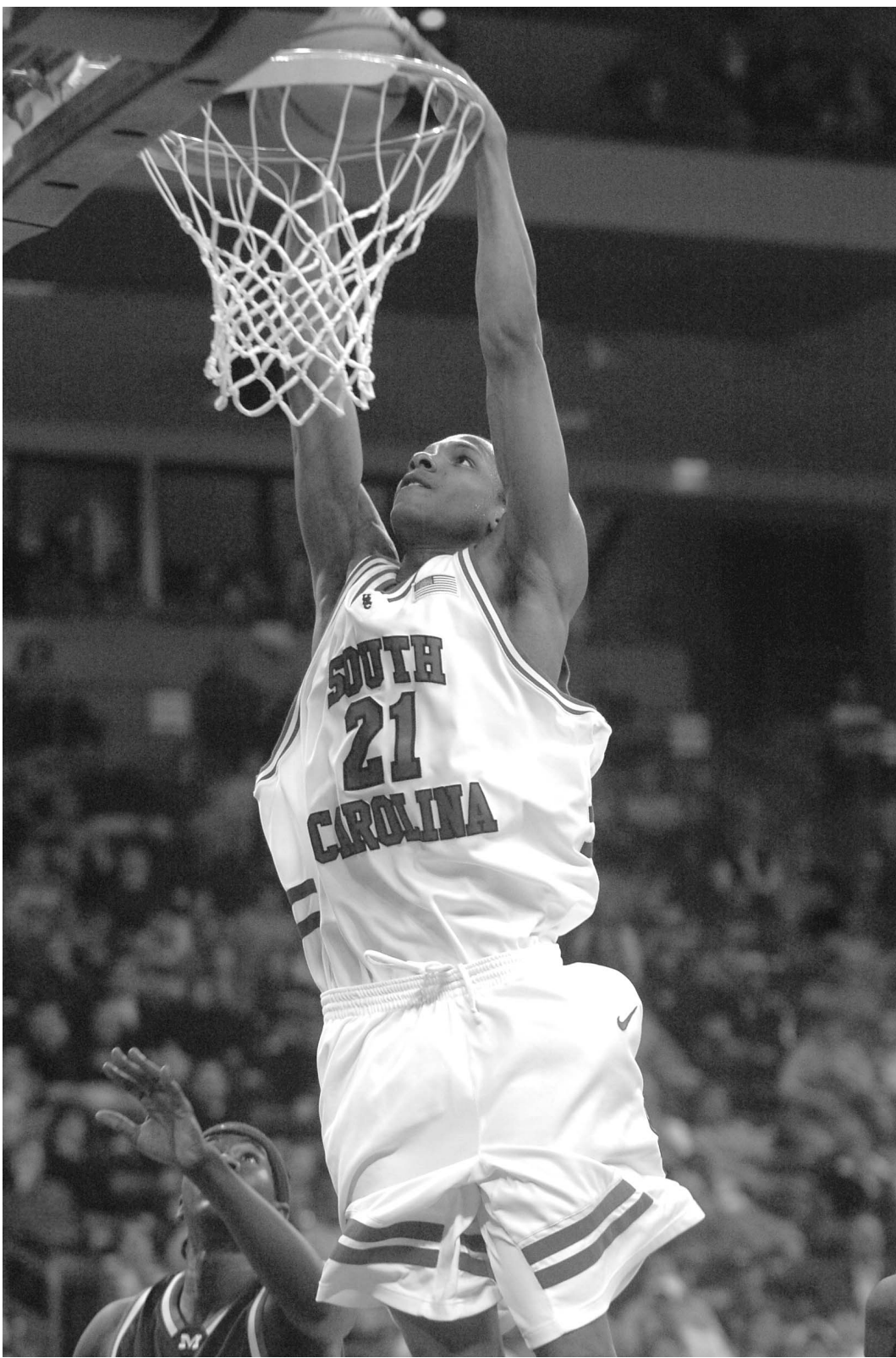
I have to lump Nash and Nowitzki together because they both play for ridiculously good teams that are filled with quality players. The reason I can't choose either of the two is defense. In a recent Sports Illustrated poll of NBA players, Nash and Nowitzki tied for the lead as the NBA players least interested in playing defense. For a sports writer to say they couldn't defend a 6-year old is one thing, but for the 271 NBA players surveyed to say it is another.

As most of you know, Nash has won the last two MVP awards. If he wins it again this year, they should rename it the Dan Marino Trophy. Sure, Marino played in the NFL, but Nash's career is much

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KYLE DAWSON  
Third-year  
print journalism  
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Freshman Dominique Archie dunks against Ole Miss earlier this season.



The Gamecocks beat their cross-state rivals 2-1, 1-0.

USC sweeps Coastal in  
afternoon doubleheader

Gamecocks improve to 20-3 on the season

Kevin Walker  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

On a beautiful day for softball, USC hosted Coastal Carolina for a two game set at Beckham Field, taking both games behind strong pitching and defensive efforts. Junior pitcher Melissa Hendon started the first game and went the distance for the Gamecocks. Hendon, who struck out 10, gave up just one run, a homer to second baseman Allison Cantrell in the fourth inning.

The Gamecock offense was led by senior catcher McKenna Hughes, who had an RBI double in the top of the first inning and later scored from third base on a wild pitch. The

offense created by Hughes was enough to keep clear of Coastal Carolina, as USC took the first game 2-1. "The bottom line is we figured out a way to get it done. We gutted it out." USC coach Joyce Compton said. "I think it will be a big plus for us getting into conference play, playing a lot of close games." In the second game, the Gamecock offense was led by a pair of freshmen in outfielder Adele Voigt and shortstop Lindsay Walker. Voigt had two triples, while Walker created the only USC run of the night when she hit an RBI double in the third inning.

SOFTBALL ● 9

Kelley, Archie  
earn All-SEC

Senior, freshman phenom honored by coaches

Alex Riley  
SPORTS EDITOR

The honors continue to roll in for some of Carolina's team. Point guard Tre' Kelley was a unanimous selection to the coaches' All-SEC first team while forward Dominique Archie was named to the coaches' All-SEC freshmen team. "I am glad the SEC coaches recognized the good work by both these players," coach Dave Odom said. Kelley continued dominating the postseason conference awards by taking home his second first team All-SEC honor in two days. On Tuesday, Kelley was named to the first team All-SEC team by The Associated Press. Though he failed to win Player of the Year by both organizations, Kelley was pleased with the honors. "I don't think I have anything to prove. I had a very good season. My teammates helped me a lot," Kelley said. "We didn't win as much as I wanted to, but I think I had a pretty good year individually." Odom said during the preseason he wasn't lobbying for Kelley to be named the league's top player, but was just telling the truth.

"I saw this young man every single night, every day in practice and, you know, philosophically I disagree with the way those kind of decisions are made," Odom said. "All I said was that I don't think any player should be responsible for the inadequacies of his team or his deficiencies of the team, that's all." Joining Kelley in the coaches' rankings was Archie. A Georgia native, the forward averaged just over nine points and five rebounds a game this season. He and senior center Brandon Wallace are the only two players to start every game this season for USC. "It is an honor," Archie said. "I am glad I did it. This is part of a dream for me, but there is more to that dream than just the SEC All-Freshmen team." With all the attention this season on Kelley, Odom was glad the coaches acknowledged Archie, too. "I am just as proud of Dominique Archie," Odom said. "He worked hard last season during his redshirt year and the dedication paid off."

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Carolina rolls into Atlanta

This year's SEC  
Tourney strikingly  
similar to last season

Michael Finnegan  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Carolina men's basketball team (14-15, 4-12) heads three hours west to the Georgia Dome to take on Arkansas (18-12, 7-9) in the first round of the SEC Tournament. Tip-off is scheduled for today at 3:15 p.m. Senior point guard Tre' Kelley, who was unanimously voted an All-SEC first team selection by coaches, will look to lead Carolina to the championship game for the second year in a row. Kelley leads the league in points per game, averaging 21.1 per SEC contest. Kelley needs 23 points to become the first Gamecock to score 1500 points and dish out 500 assists. The Gamecocks are led by another All-SEC performer in senior forward Brandon Wallace. Wallace has been dominating down low, swatting away 2.8 blocks per game and grabbing just under 10 boards a game. Another low post presence for the Gamecocks has



Tre' Kelley drives during the Ole Miss game at home.

been red-shirt freshman Dominique Archie from Augusta. Archie also received a postseason honor as he was named to the All-Freshman team by SEC coaches. In his last six games, Archie is averaging 12.3 points.

Arkansas counters with another freshman in Patrick Beverly, who was named Newcomer of the Year by The Associated Press and SEC coaches earlier this

HOOPS ● 9

Garcia trial postponed

Stephen Garcia and his new haircut were at Columbia Municipal Court on Wednesday morning. The freshman quarterback, who has yet to participate in practice for the Gamecocks, was facing misdemeanor charges related to an incident in Five Points two weeks ago. Garcia's attorney Neal Lourie requested a continuance from the court in order to consolidate

the misdemeanor charges that the 19 year-old faces. Following his arrest in Five Points, Garcia was arrested again last week for keying the 2007 Toyota Corrolla of a visiting professor. The damage was estimated to be over \$800. Garcia's trial was moved to this coming week. He will appear in court on Wednesday, March 14 at 8 a.m.

— Michael Aguilar



USC QB waits for courtdate.





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**The Gamecocks only needed three total runs in the two games to send the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers back to Conway. Junior pitcher Kate Pouliot recorded a complete game shutout in the second game.**



**SOFTBALL ● Continued from 8**

The strong pitching carried over from the first game, as junior Kate Pouliot recorded the complete game shutout. At one point, Pouliot retired 12 Coastal Carolina batters in a row. She ran into some trouble in the top of the seventh inning, when she gave up three singles in a row. However, Pouliot quickly rebounded to get the last two outs to finish off the Gamecock victory, 1-0.

“We kind of put ourselves in that position, you know only one run being scored” Compton said. “I didn’t think our at-bats were very good today, I didn’t think we were as aggressive as we need to be. Hopefully getting into SEC play, we will get a little bit excited and start swinging the bat a little bit better.” Heading into SEC play over the weekend, Compton was concerned about the lack of run support. “I think our pitchers have

done a really good job,” Compton said. “I guess in the long run it’s probably going to help us a little bit that we are playing tight ballgames and everything that we do is going to be pretty crucial.” The Gamecocks will begin conference play on Saturday as they travel to Fayetteville for a three game set against Arkansas.

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week. Beverly is averaging 14.3 points per game. Razorback junior Steven Hill looks to battle Wallace in a matchup of two of the best big men in the league. Hill was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year Tuesday. Hill comes into the game leading the league in blocks with just over three a game. USC coach Dave Odom said his team will have to watch freshman Michael Washington. “He is multi-talented and shoots a couple of threes.” Odom said. “He really is off and running now. So they really do have a nice rotation there.”

Carolina defeated Arkansas earlier in the year at home 66-60. However, Odom said this Arkansas team is not the same it was three to four weeks ago. “They are playing much more together. They’re productive,” Odom said. “It makes them a much more difficult team to defend.” Wallace said he sees similarities between this year’s tournament and the 2006 contest. Last year, Carolina opened against Mississippi State, an SEC West team they had beaten earlier. Looming in the second round this year is Vanderbilt. Much like Tennessee last season, the Commodores have beaten the Gamecocks twice this season.

“Like we did last year, we’re going to go in and try to win,” Wallace said. “That’s the only thing we can control is our own destiny. If we want to have a postseason, we have to win games.”

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**DAWSON ● Continued from 8**

like Marino’s, as he’s the leader of a run and gun offense that hasn’t won a championship. The only real reason I’ve ever heard to not give Bryant the MVP is his passing, which is ludicrous. Blame Phil Jackson for designing the triangle offense to have Bryant taking most of the shots. It sure didn’t keep anyone from campaigning for Michael Jordan for MVP, and he won five of them, which once again proves that charisma reigns supreme. If it weren’t for an incident in Eagle, Colo., almost four years ago, Bryant would be the fan favorite. One woman’s accusations have made him the object of undeserved hate from nearly every

casual fan of the NBA. Absolutely there is bias against Bryant, and I know a lot of fans agree with me. Simply put, he’s the best in the game today. He’s one of the best scorers of our generation, a perennial NBA All-Defensive team selection and arguably the most clutch shooter in the league. He can turn any arena into 18,000 real-life versions of Edvard Munch’s “The Scream.” When the game is on the line, everyone in the building knows he’s getting the ball, and they know he’s going to score. Hey, lots can change over the last 20 games for all four stars. However, I truly doubt any one player is more valuable to their team than Bryant. Isn’t that what the MVP award is all about?

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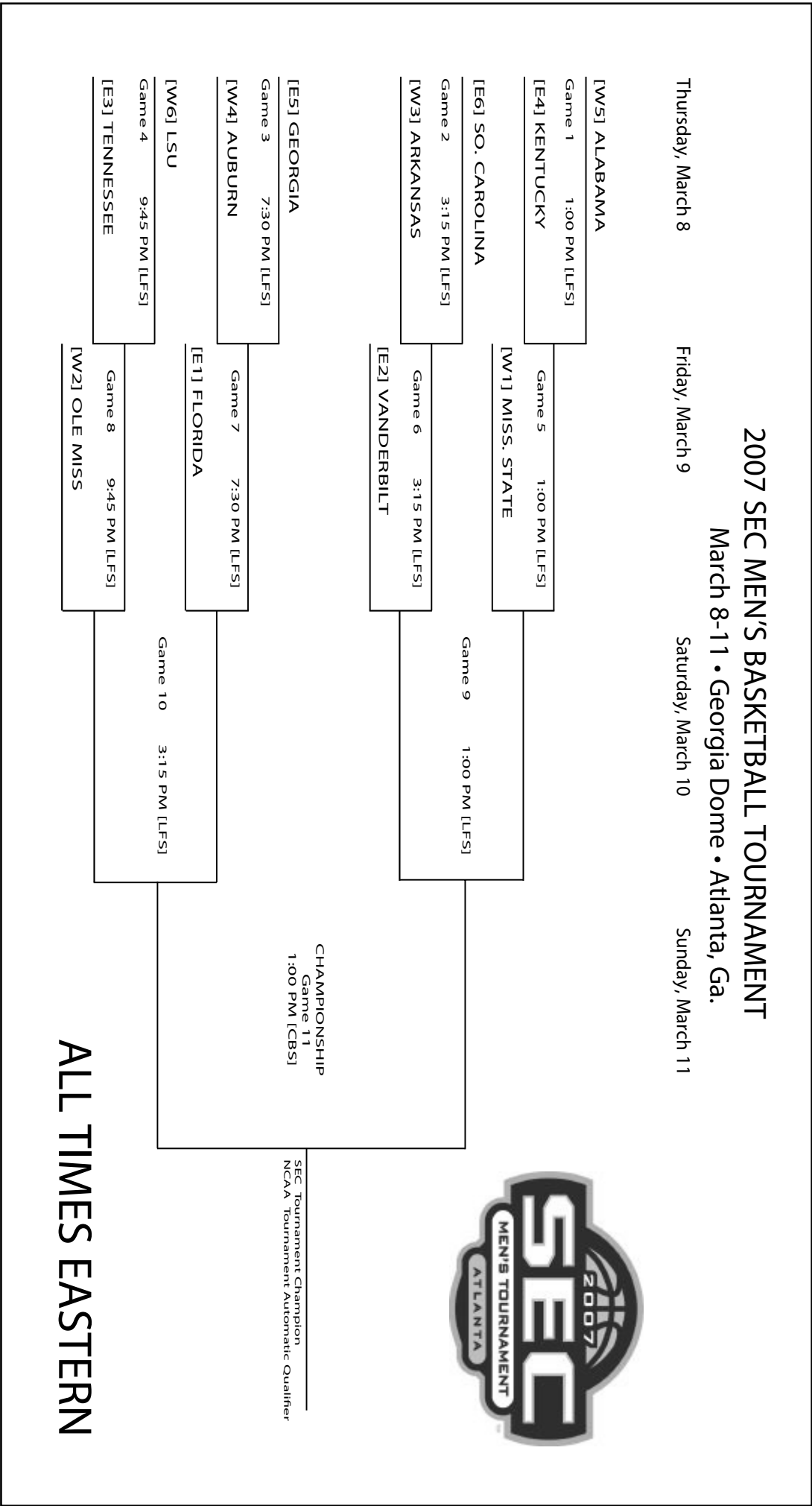
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